

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MUNICIPAL DIVISION AT DIAMOND

Judge Jared Lee Thomas  
Diamond, MO  
417-325-4444

**ADVICE OF RIGHTS**

You are appearing today to enter into a plea of guilty or not guilty. Before entering into a plea you have the right to speak to a lawyer, If you desire to do so, we will reschedule your arraignment. On entering a plea of NOT GUILTY, you are telling the court that you did not commit the offense with which you have been charged. If you plead NOT GUILTY, we will set this for trial. At the time of trial you have the right to confront witnesses and question them and to compel witnesses to come in on your behalf. Also, you are protected against self-incrimination meaning you do not have to take the stand unless you desire to do so. You are presumed innocent and it is the prosecution's burden to prove you guilty beyond reasonable doubt.

You have the right to plead GUILTY. But, if you do plead guilty, that is considered an admission of guilt and at that point you waive your right to trial, confrontation of witnesses, protection against self-incrimination and presumption of innocence. If you plead Guilty and waive your rights, you may be allowed to make an explanation to the court of what happened, The Judge may wish to discuss your case. Based on your explanation and discussions, sentence will be imposed. You have a right to Trial do Novo.

You have the right to be represented by an attorney. If found by the court to be indigent and it appears to the Judge that there would likely be a jail sentence upon conviction, the Judge will appoint an attorney.

You understand your rights as they are explained here, and as verbally explained by the court.

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**WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND PLEA OF GUILTY**

It is your desire to waive these rights, including your right to be represented by an attorney if you do not have an attorney and you hereby enter your PLEA OF GUILTY TO THE OFFENSE CHARGED.

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